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Re: FOIA Case No. 2019-RD-03202-F

Dear Mr. Kick:

This letter acknowledges your request for information you submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development (RD) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. We have assigned the case number indicated above for your request.

Your request is being reviewed to determine whether RD is in possession of any documents that are responsive to your request. Once that determination has been made, you will be notified of any costs/fees which may be associated with processing this request.

Please know that we will make all reasonable efforts to process your request as soon as possible; however, FOIA requests are handled on a first in, first out basis. Additionally, we will have to coordinate with other activities to provide you with a comprehensive response and this coordination can sometimes be lengthy.

Be assured, we will respond to your request at our earliest opportunity. If you have any questions, you may contact Lolita Barnes at (202) 692-0004, email lolita.Barnes@wdc.usda.gov or Stephen Grady at (202) 690-5261, email stephen.grady@wdc.usda.gov or Cavan Watson at (202) 777-2594, email cavan.watson@wdc.usda.gov, or our public liaison, Julie Henderson at (202) 692-0010, email julie.henderson@wdc.usda.gov. Please reference the case number listed above in any of your communications with our office.

Sincerely,

Julie Henderson
Director, Enterprise Services Division

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